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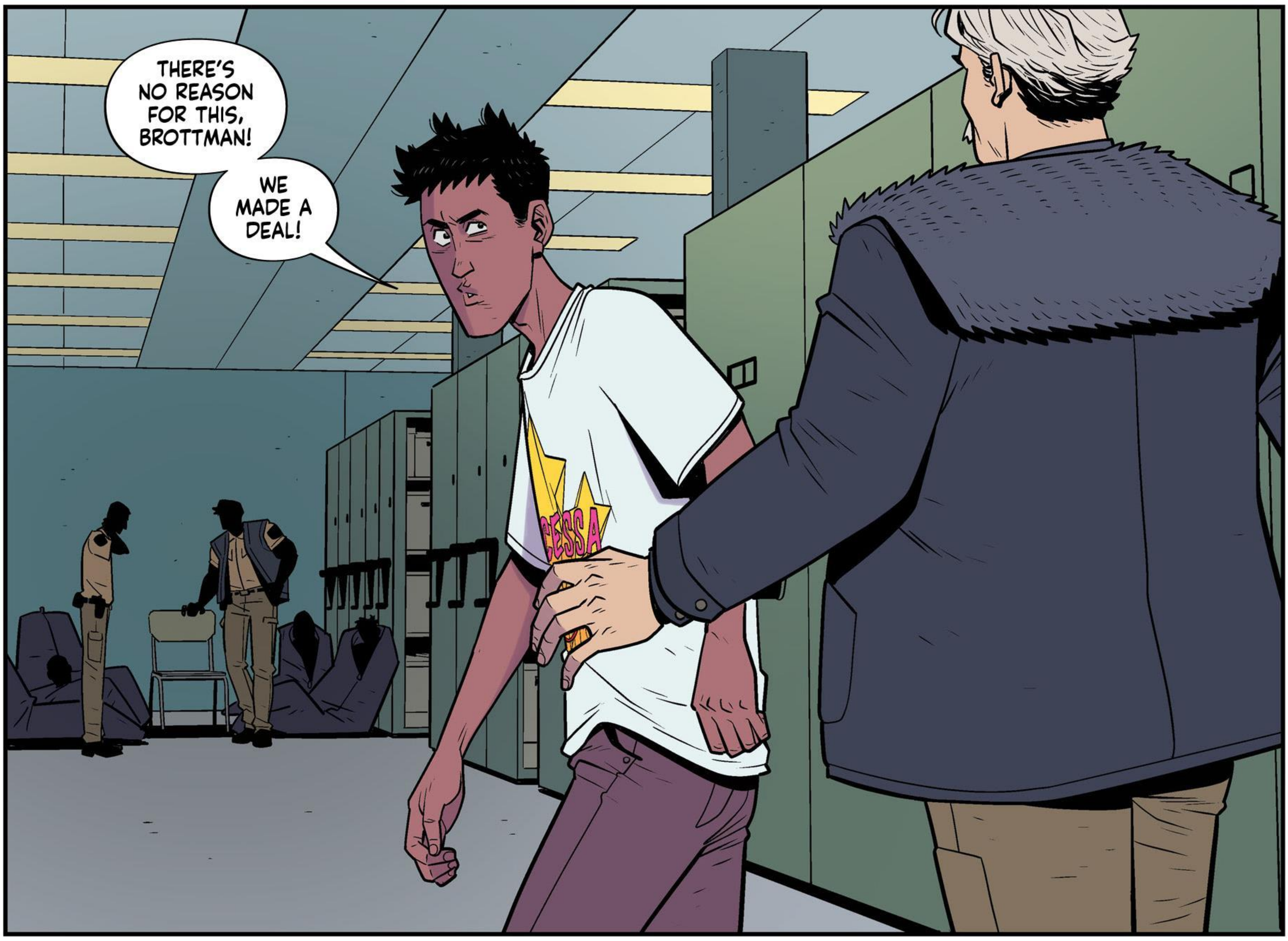
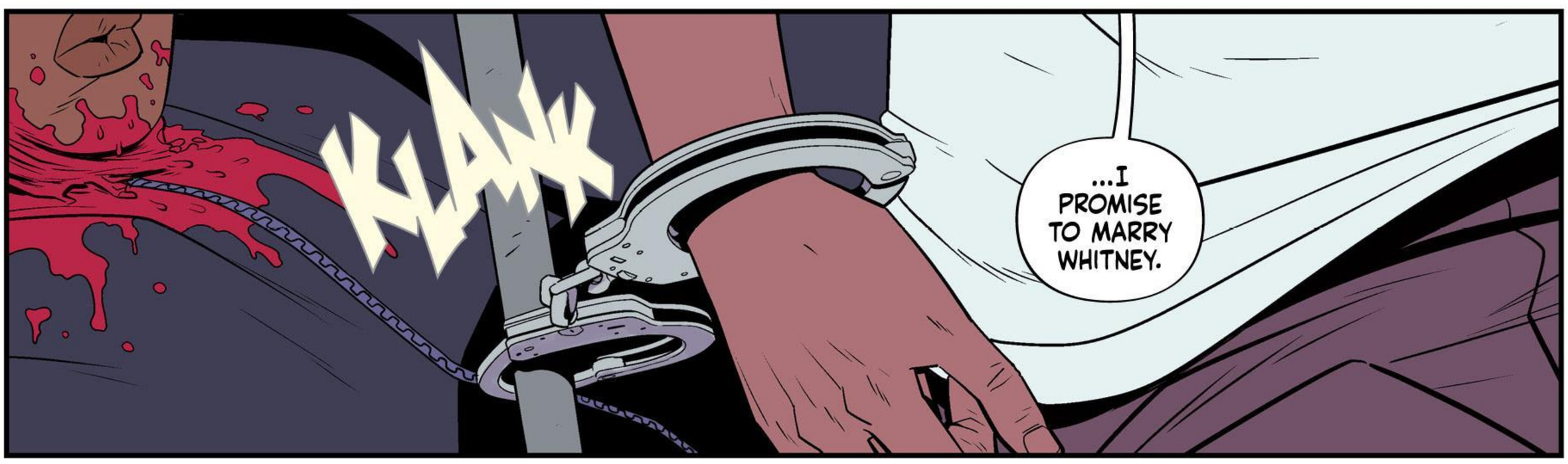
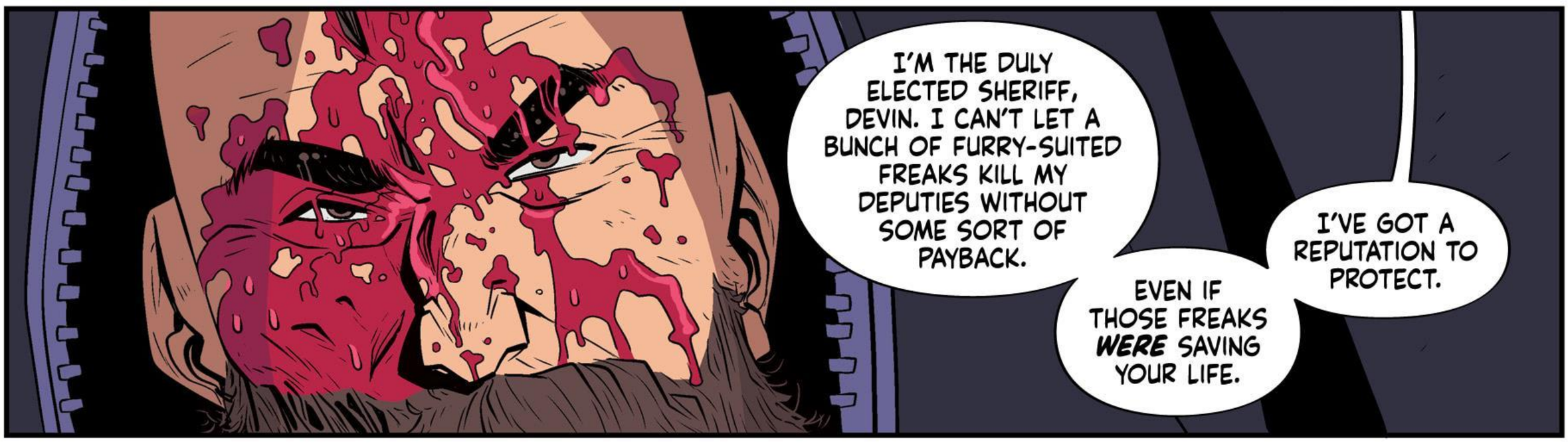

THERE'S NO REASON FOR THIS, BROTTMAN!
WE MADE A DEAL!

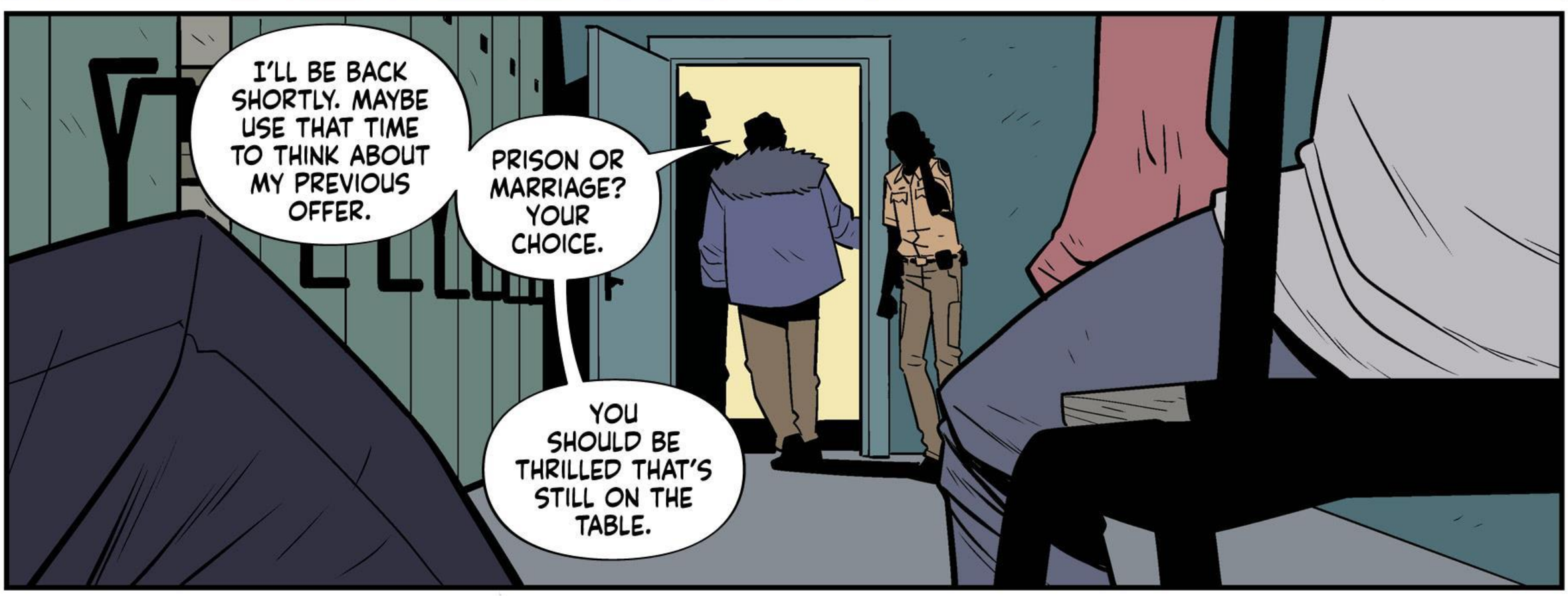
LET'S JUST SAY IT'S A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO STAY THE PATH.
NOW SIT DOWN.
I GAVE YOU MY WORD.
IF YOU LEAVE EDIE, BO, AND KEEBLER ALONE...

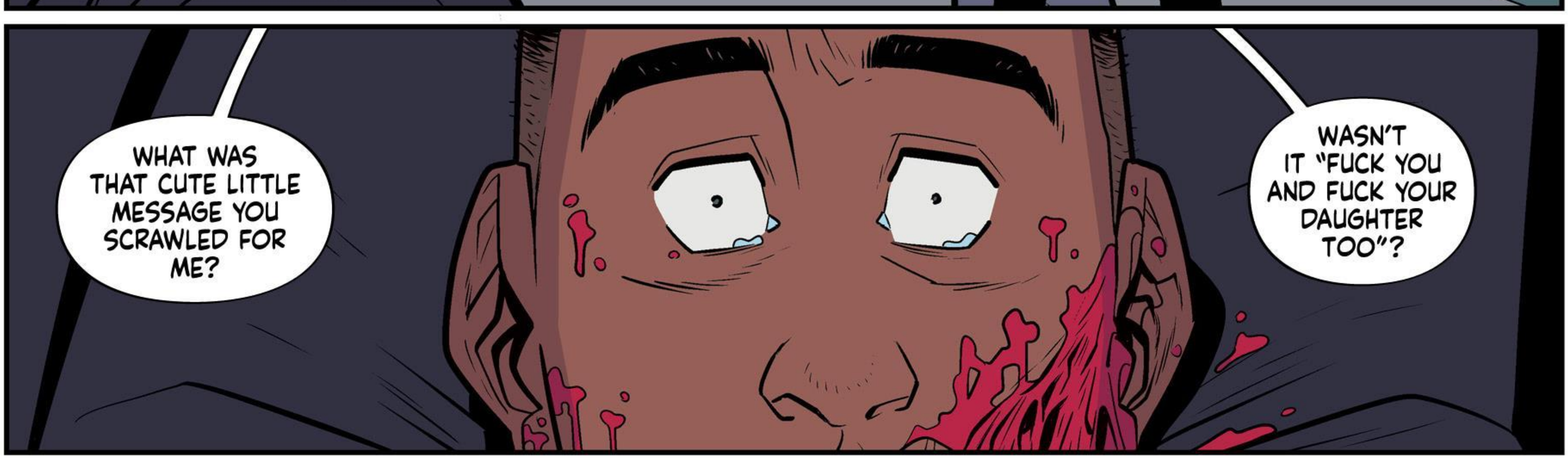

KLANK
...I PROMISE TO MARRY WHITNEY.

YOU SEE, THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
I MADE PROMISES OF MY OWN. I PROMISED THE BOYS THEY'D GET TO HUNT HUMANS TONIGHT.

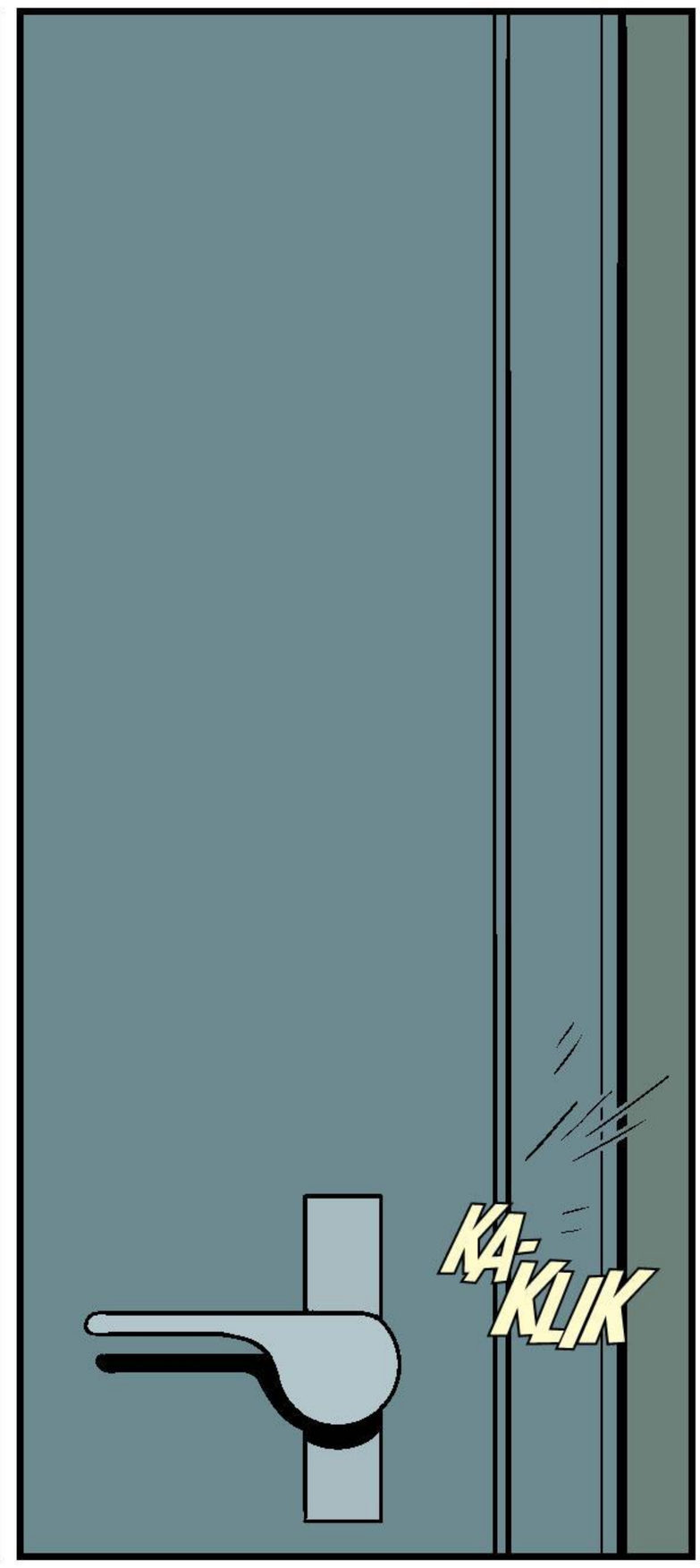
BUT YOU SAID--
KLANK
I LIED.
PRINCESSA Sassy PANTS


I'M THE DULY ELECTED SHERIFF, DEVIN. I CAN'T LET A BUNCH OF FURRY-SUITED FREAKS KILL MY DEPUTIES WITHOUT SOME SORT OF PAYBACK.
EVEN IF THOSE FREAKS *WERE* SAVING YOUR LIFE.
I'VE GOT A REPUTATION TO PROTECT.


I'LL BE BACK SHORTLY. MAYBE USE THAT TIME TO THINK ABOUT MY PREVIOUS OFFER.
PRISON OR MARRIAGE? YOUR CHOICE.
YOU SHOULD BE THRILLED THAT'S STILL ON THE TABLE.


WHAT WAS THAT CUTE LITTLE MESSAGE YOU SCRAWLED FOR ME?
WASN'T IT "FUCK YOU AND FUCK YOUR DAUGHTER TOO"?

CAMILLO!
LOCK IT UP!


KA-KLIK

WHAT DO YOU MEAN HE LEFT?
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.
I MEAN, I SAW YOU TWO HOLDING HANDS!

DID HE SAY ANYTHING?
A GOODBYE EVEN?
LOVE IS LOVE

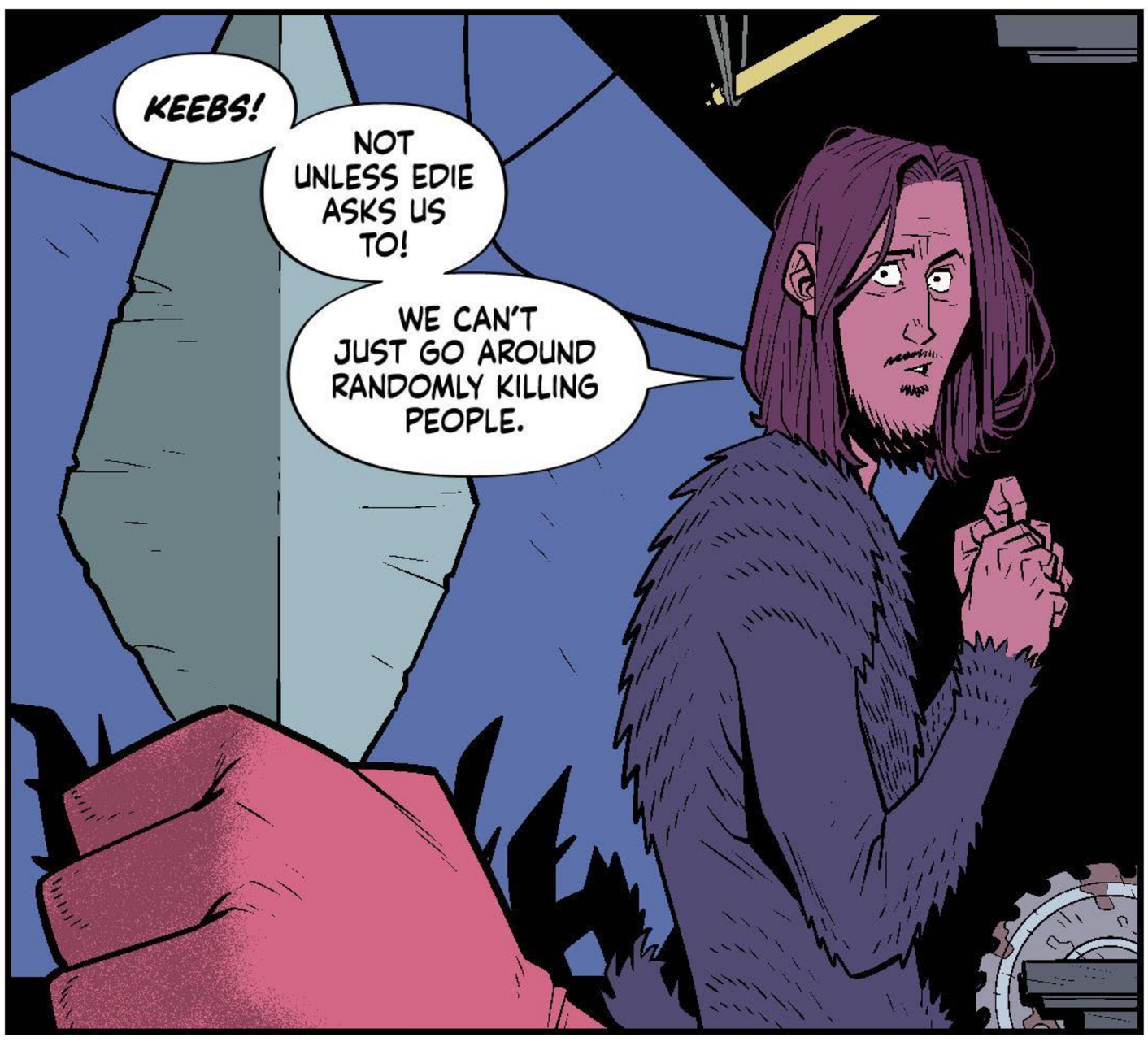
EDIE?
COME BACK.

KEEBS?
W-WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

NO.
THAT'S FOR EDIE TO DECIDE.
LOVE IS LOVE

WAIT.
WHERE'D YOU GET *THAT?*

WHY WOULD DEVIN LEAVE THIS BEHIND?
I KNOW IT'S NOT MUCH TO LOOK AT, BUT HE CHERISHES THIS THING.


KEEBS!
NOT UNLESS EDIE ASKS US TO!
WE CAN'T JUST GO AROUND RANDOMLY KILLING PEOPLE.

THAT'D...
...BE...

"...CRAZY?"

NO.

KLAK

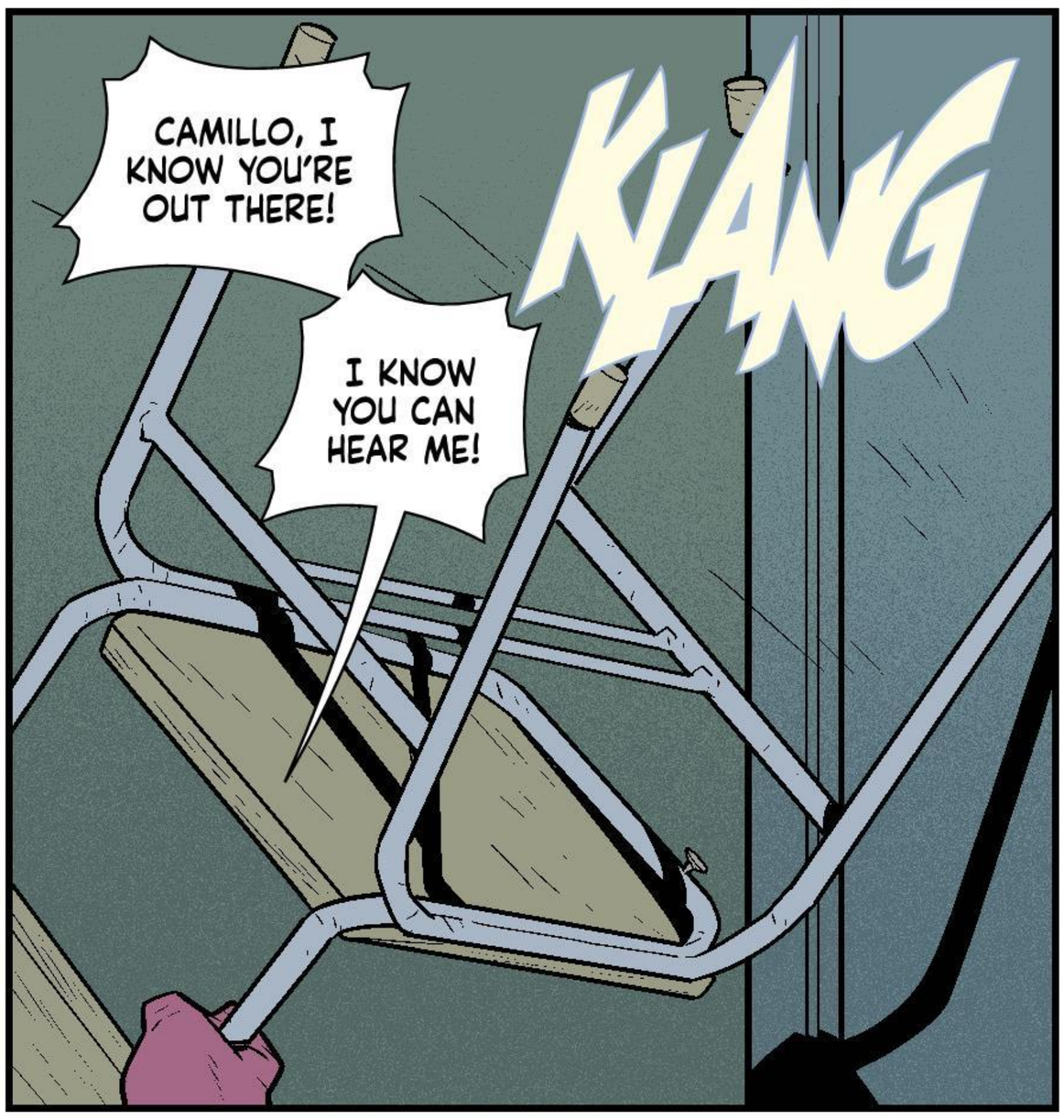
NO!

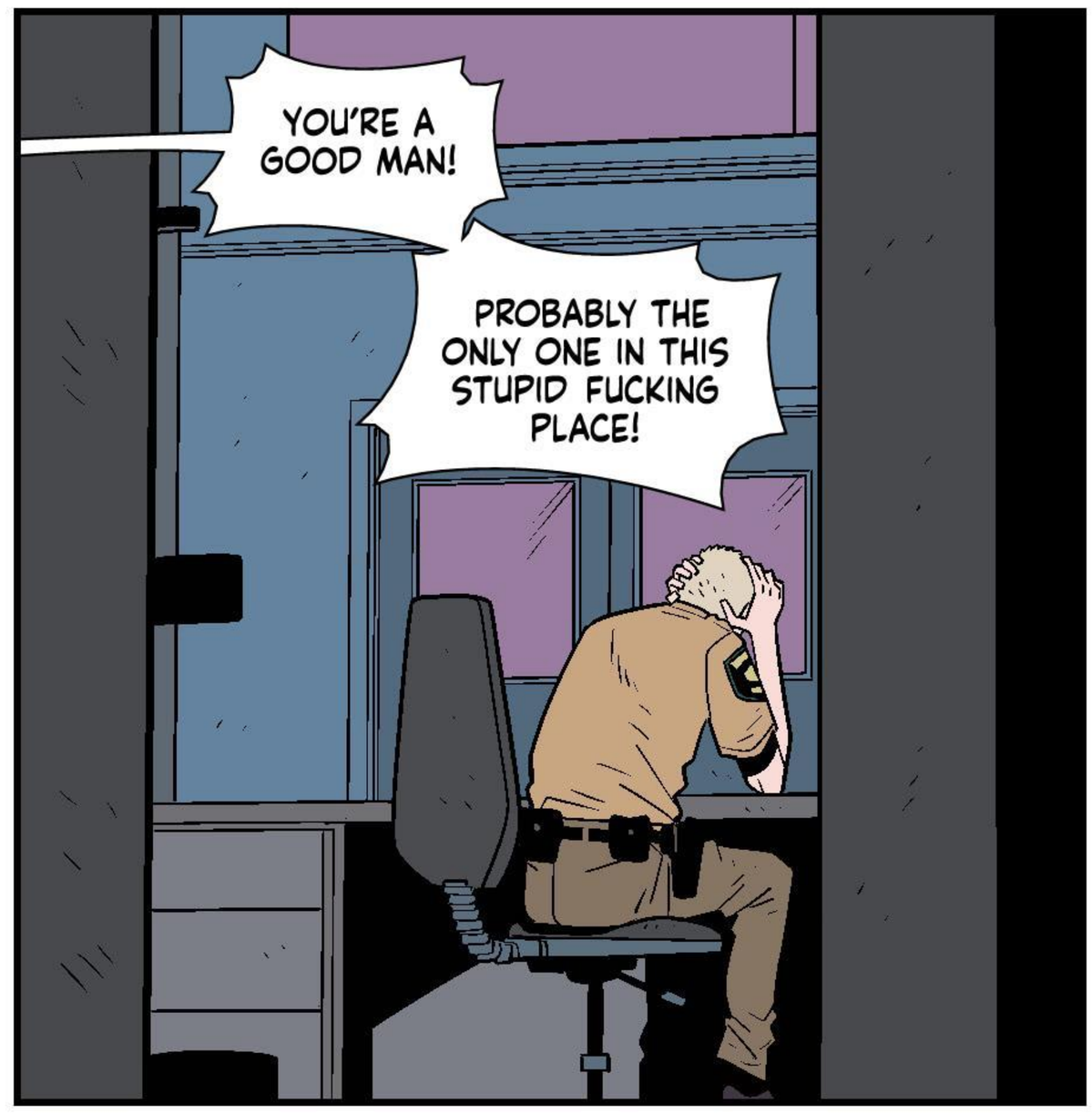
KLAK KLAK

NO!

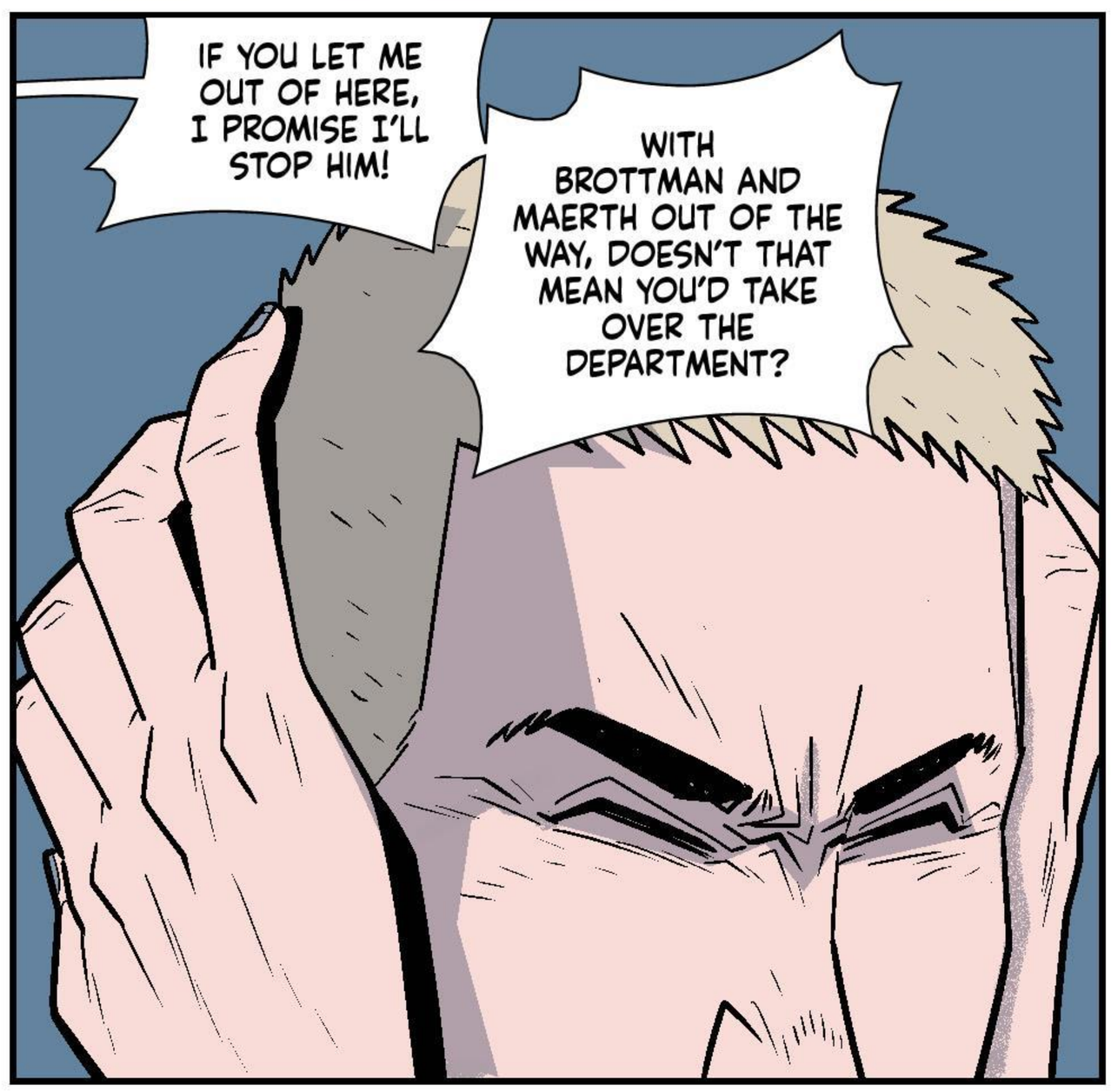
KLAK KLAK

NO!


CAMILLO, I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE!
I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME!
KLANG

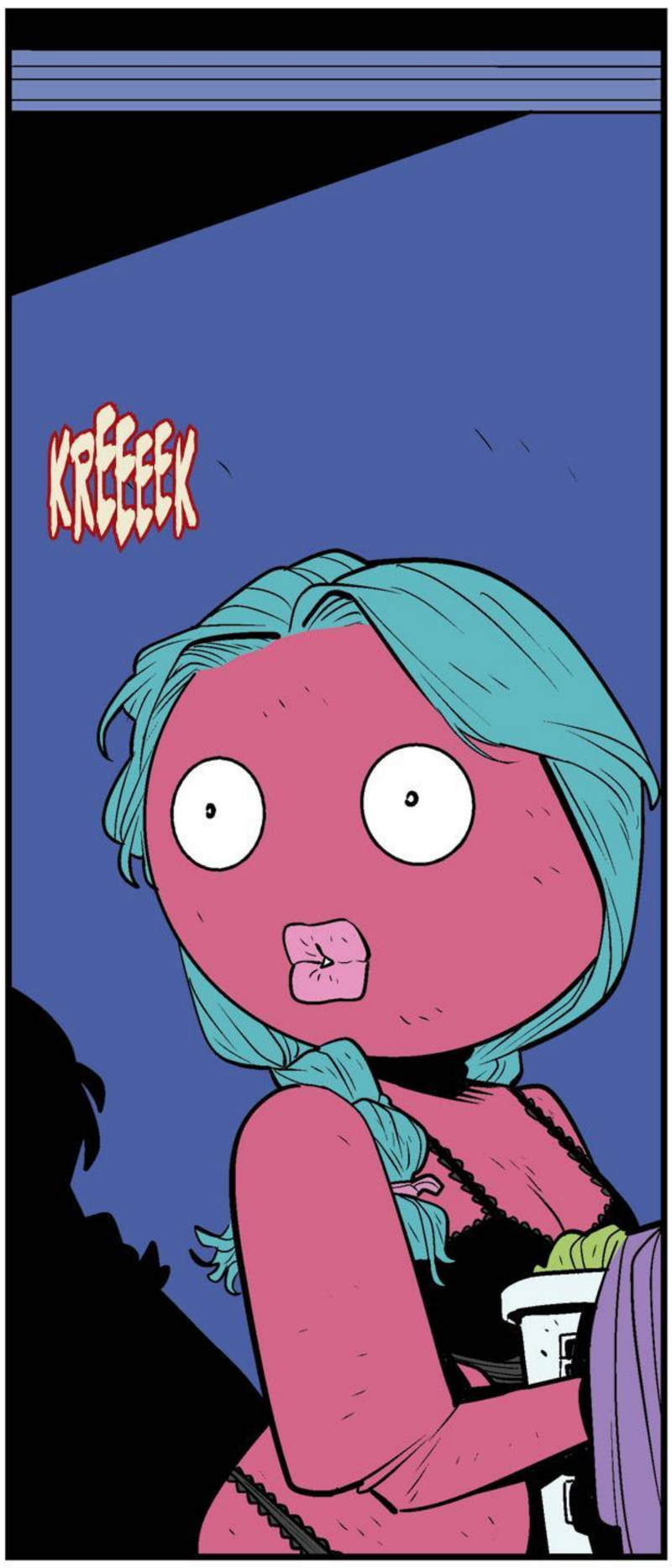

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN!
PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE IN THIS STUPID FUCKING PLACE!

YOU AND I BOTH KNOW HE'S GOING TO MURDER THEM!
AND THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL LET THOSE REDNECK ASSHOLES DO TO EDIE!
KLANG


IF YOU LET ME OUT OF HERE, I PROMISE I'LL STOP HIM!
WITH BROTTMAN AND MAERTH OUT OF THE WAY, DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU'D TAKE OVER THE DEPARTMENT?

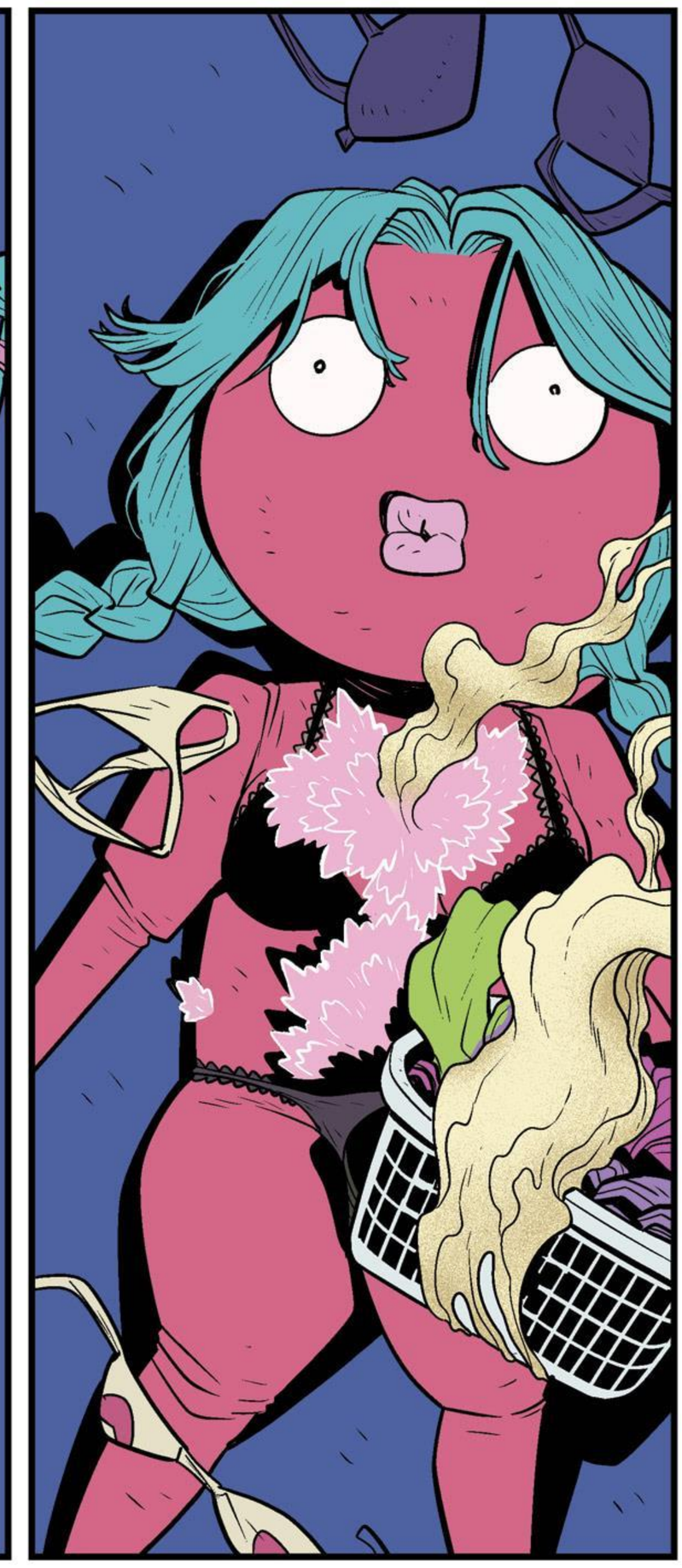
WOULDN'T THAT MAKE *YOU* SHERIFF?
KLANG

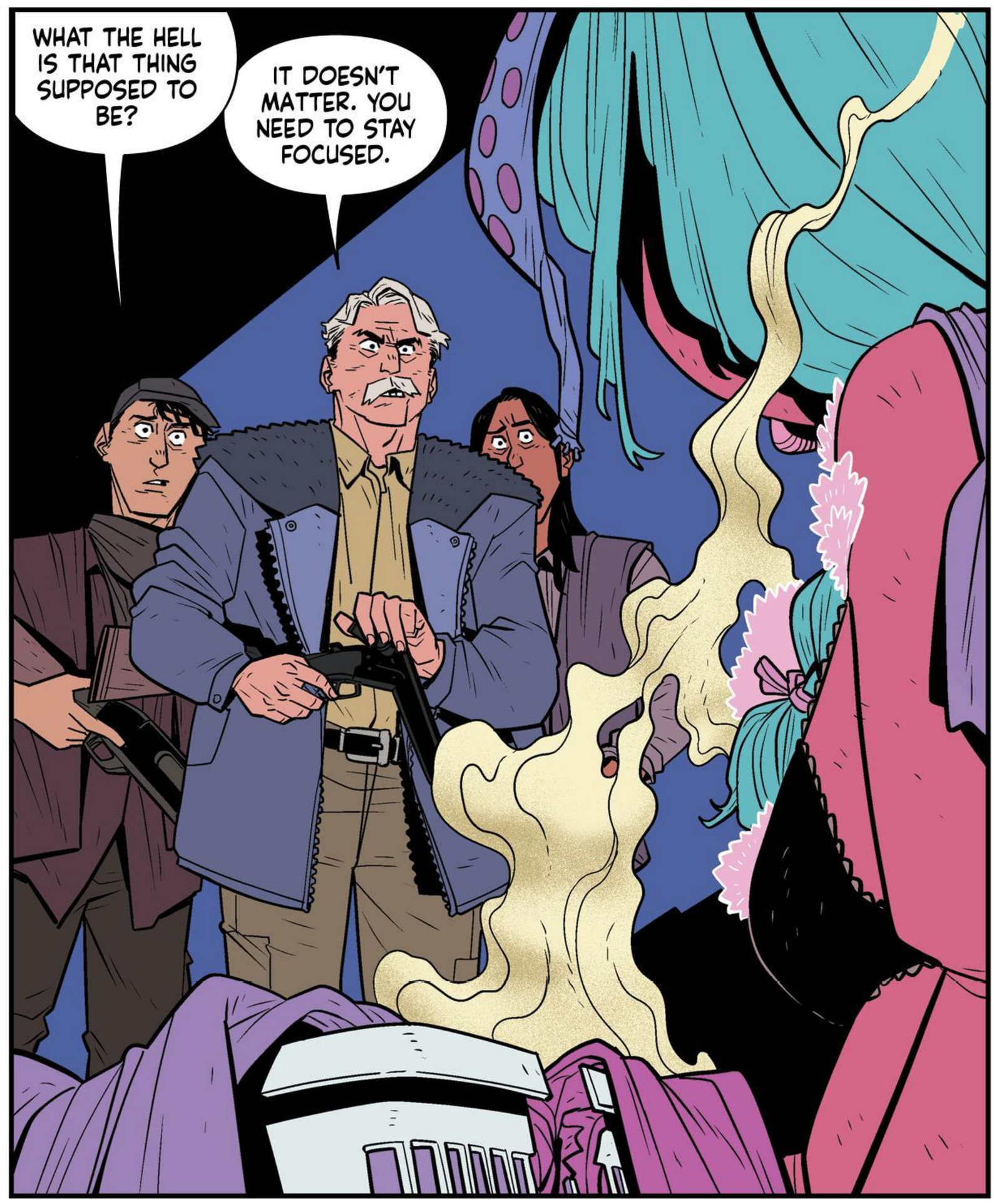
PLEASE!!
THINK OF ALL THE GOOD A MAN LIKE YOU COULD DO!


KREEEEK

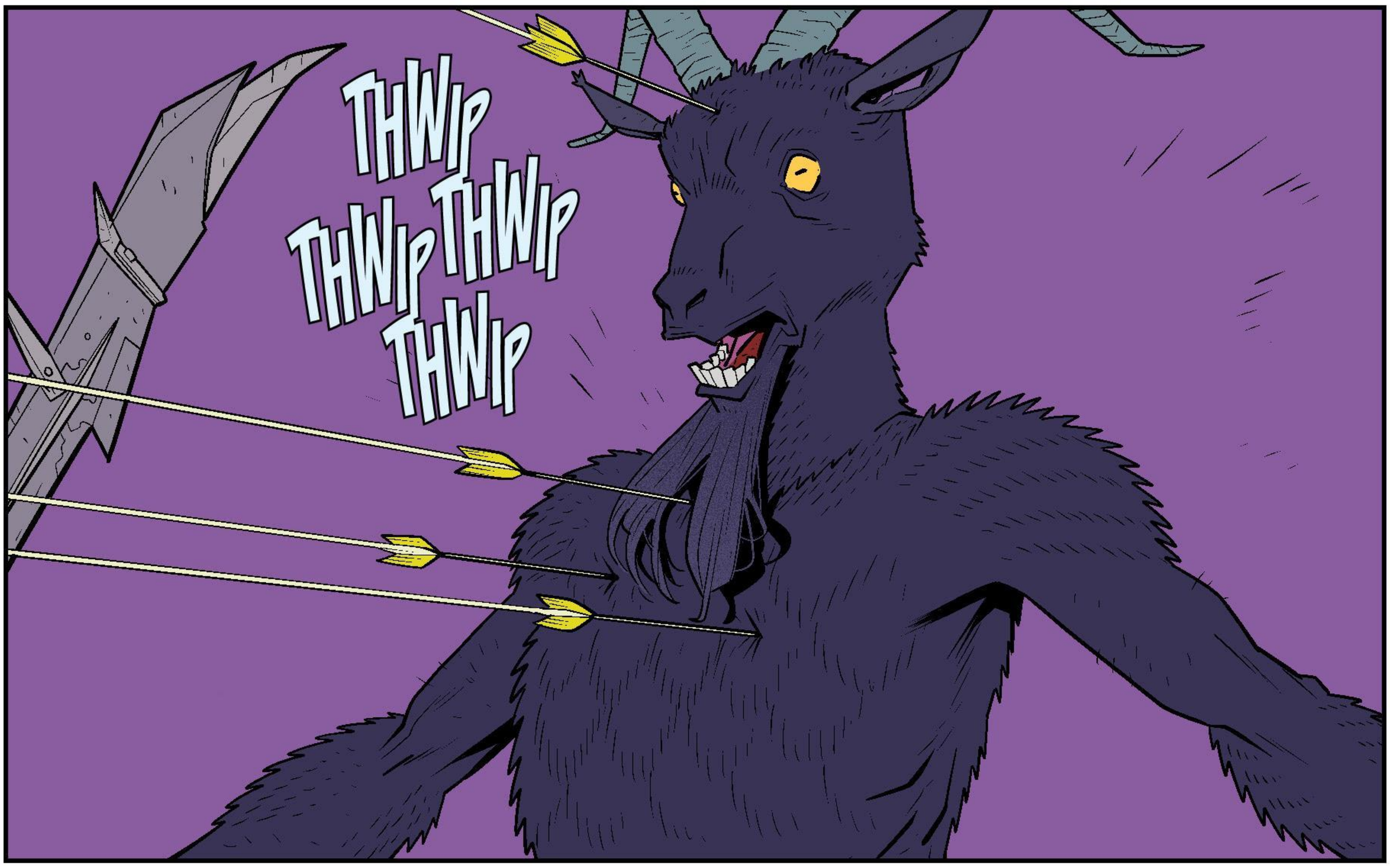
FOOF
BOOM

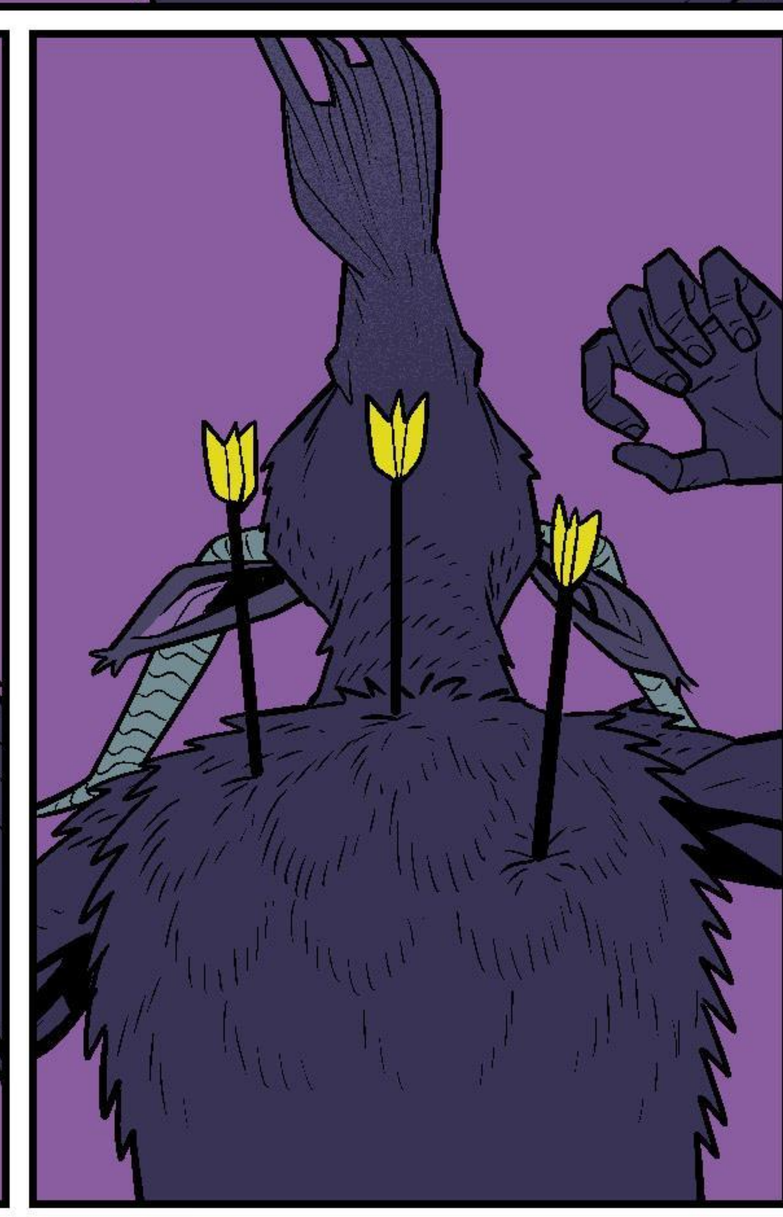
FOOF
BOOM




WHAT THE HELL IS THAT THING SUPPOSED TO BE?
IT DOESN'T MATTER. YOU NEED TO STAY FOCUSED.

"WE'VE GOT MORE OF THEM TO HUNT."
?
I SWEAR TO GOD, KEEBS!
THAT'D BETTER NOT BE YOU PLAYING AROUND IN THE KITCHEN AGAIN.
WE'VE BEEN OVER AND OVER THIS.
YOU CAN'T KEEP TRYING TO HEAT YOUR CANS OF WHIPPED CREAM IN THE MICROWAVE.
IT NEVER ENDS WELL.
OH.
YOU'RE NOT KEEBS.





SO, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO JUST LEAVE THE BODY FOR CLETUS AND MAERTH?

YEP. WE GET THE KILL. THEY GET TO SKIN IT.

BUT IT'S GONNA BE A MINUTE. THOSE TWO HAVE SOME KIND OF BET. A NASTY BET ABOUT...

"...SOME GIRL."
SQUISH SQUISH

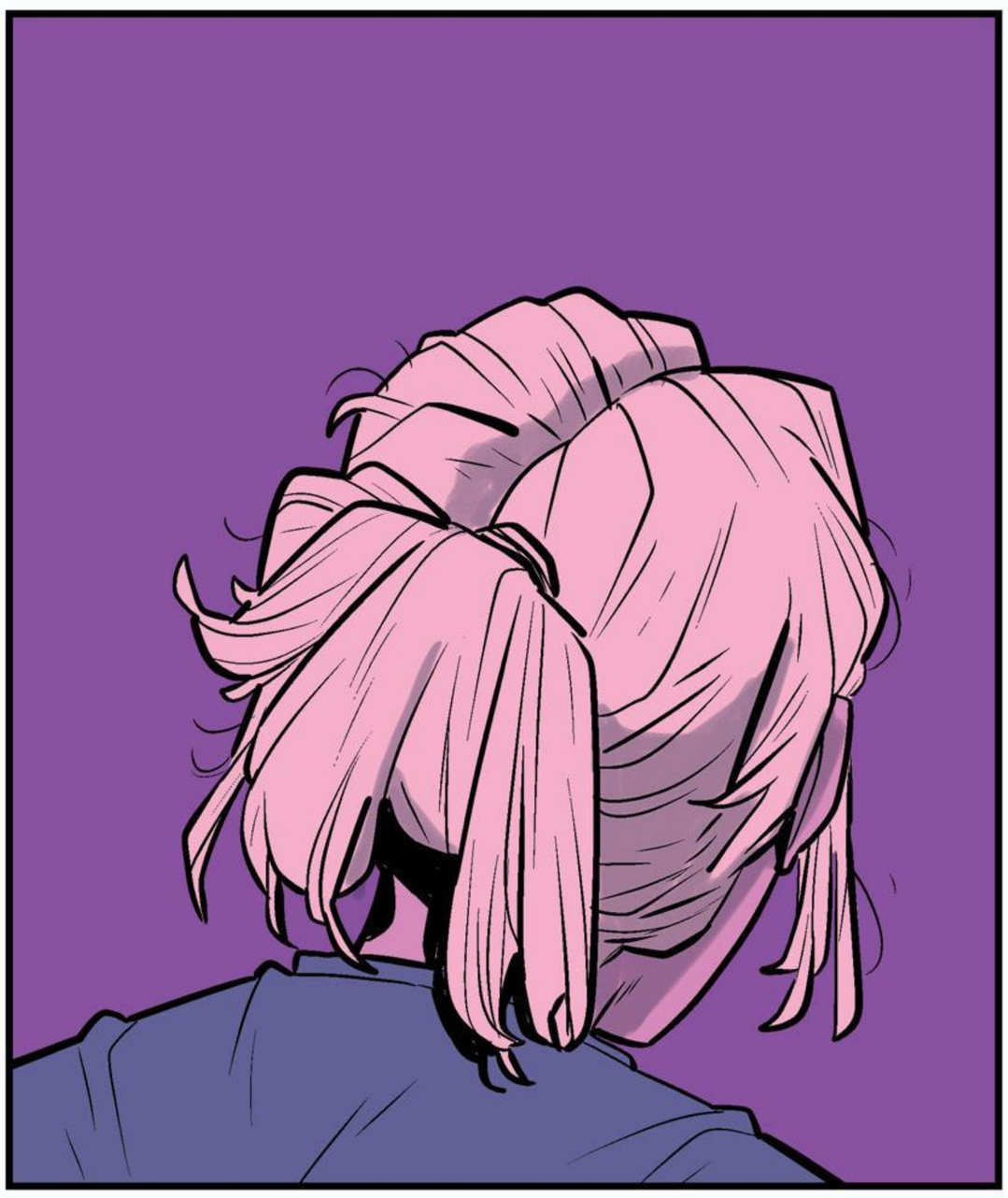
SHERIFFS DEPUTY

SHERIFFS DEPUTY

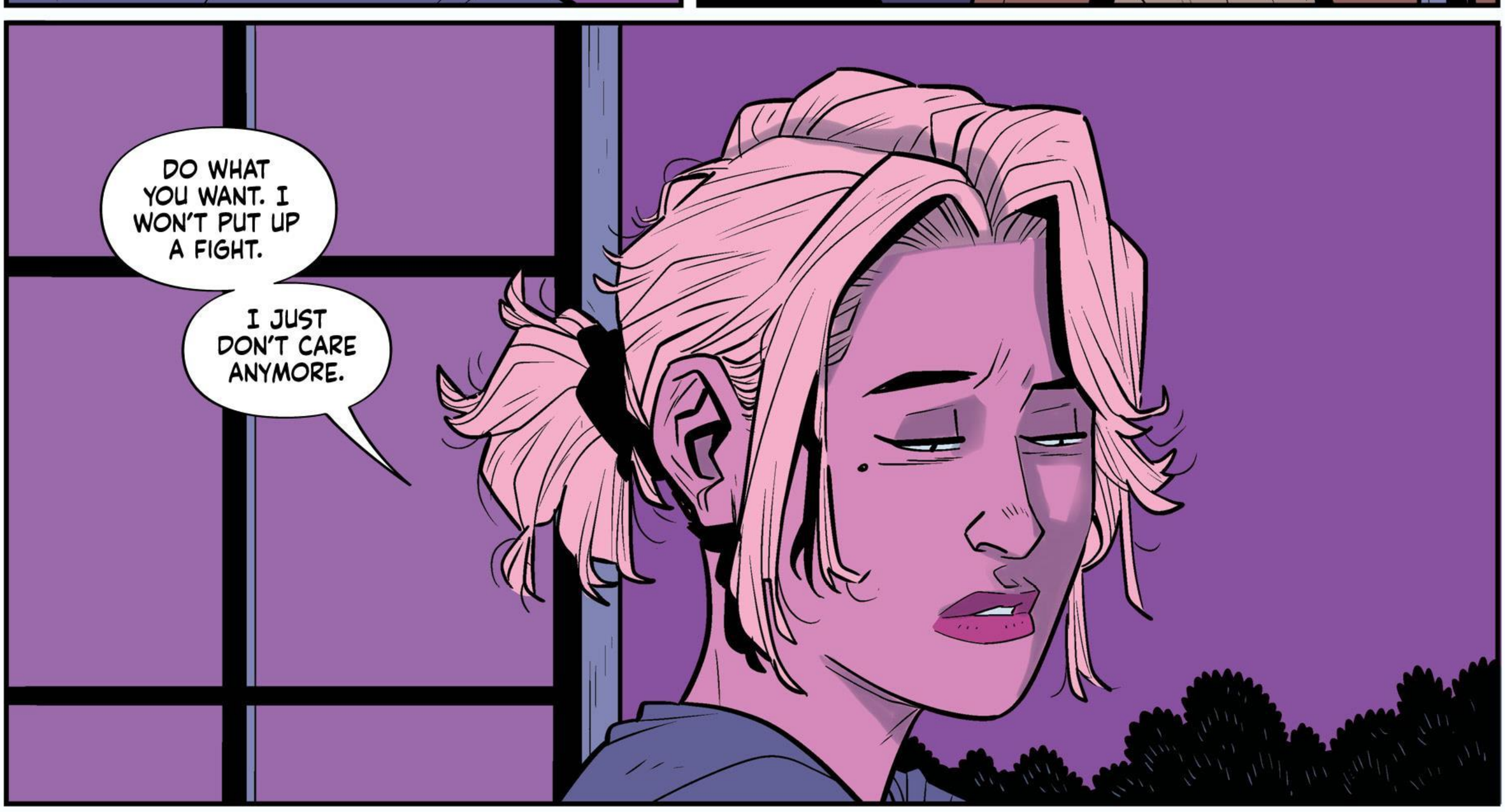
SNNNFFF
DEPUTY

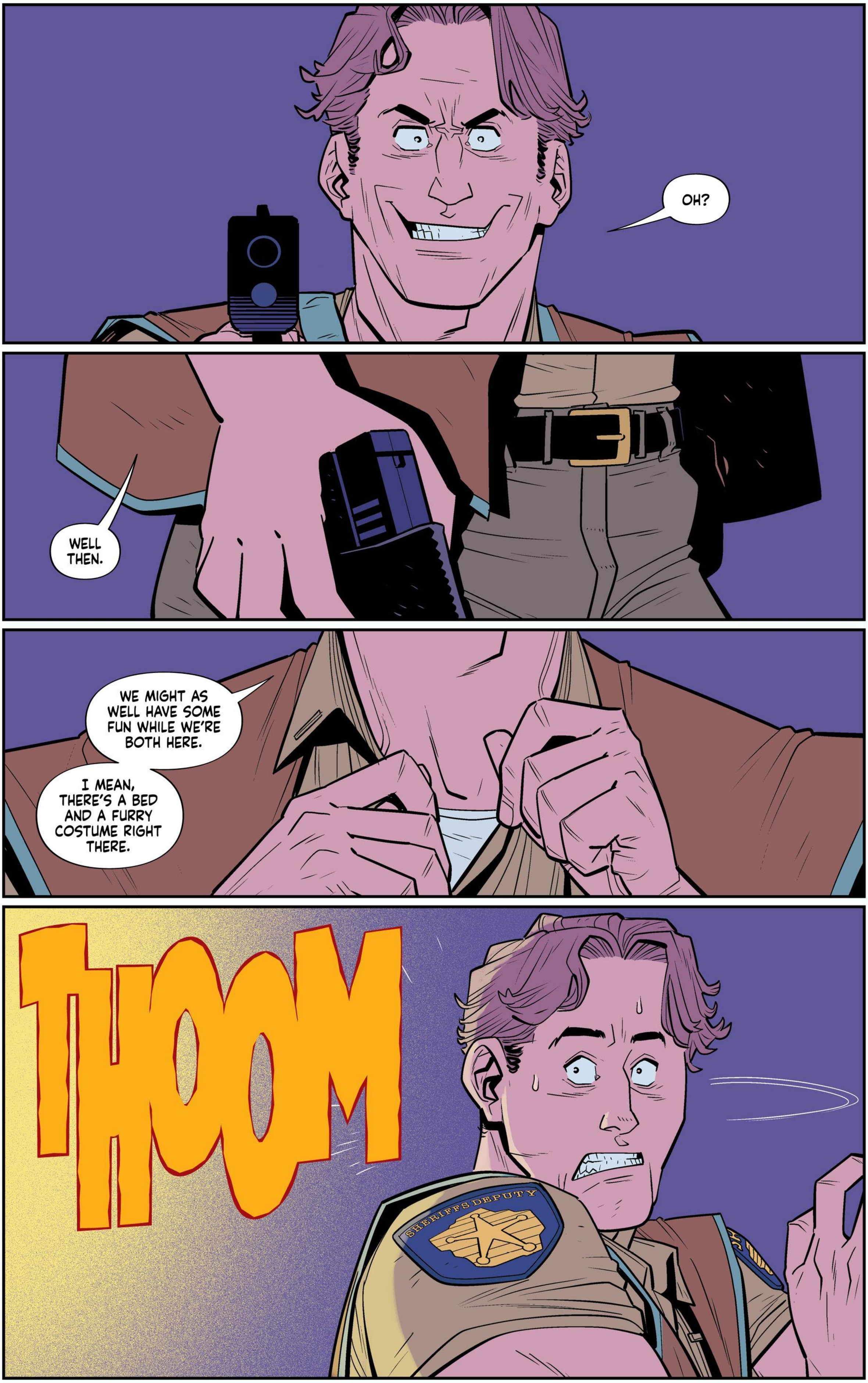
SIGH.
SHERIFFS DEPUTY

DON'T MOVE!!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.



SHOW ME YOUR HANDS!
SLOWLY!
ANY SUDDEN MOVEMENTS AND I'LL BLOW YOUR SWEET LITTLE ASS RIGHT OFF THAT BALCONY!


DO WHAT YOU WANT. I WON'T PUT UP A FIGHT.
I JUST DON'T CARE ANYMORE.


OH?
WELL THEN.
WE MIGHT AS WELL HAVE SOME FUN WHILE WE'RE BOTH HERE.
I MEAN, THERE'S A BED AND A FURRY COSTUME RIGHT THERE.
THOOM
SHERIFFS DEPUTY

BROTTMAN!
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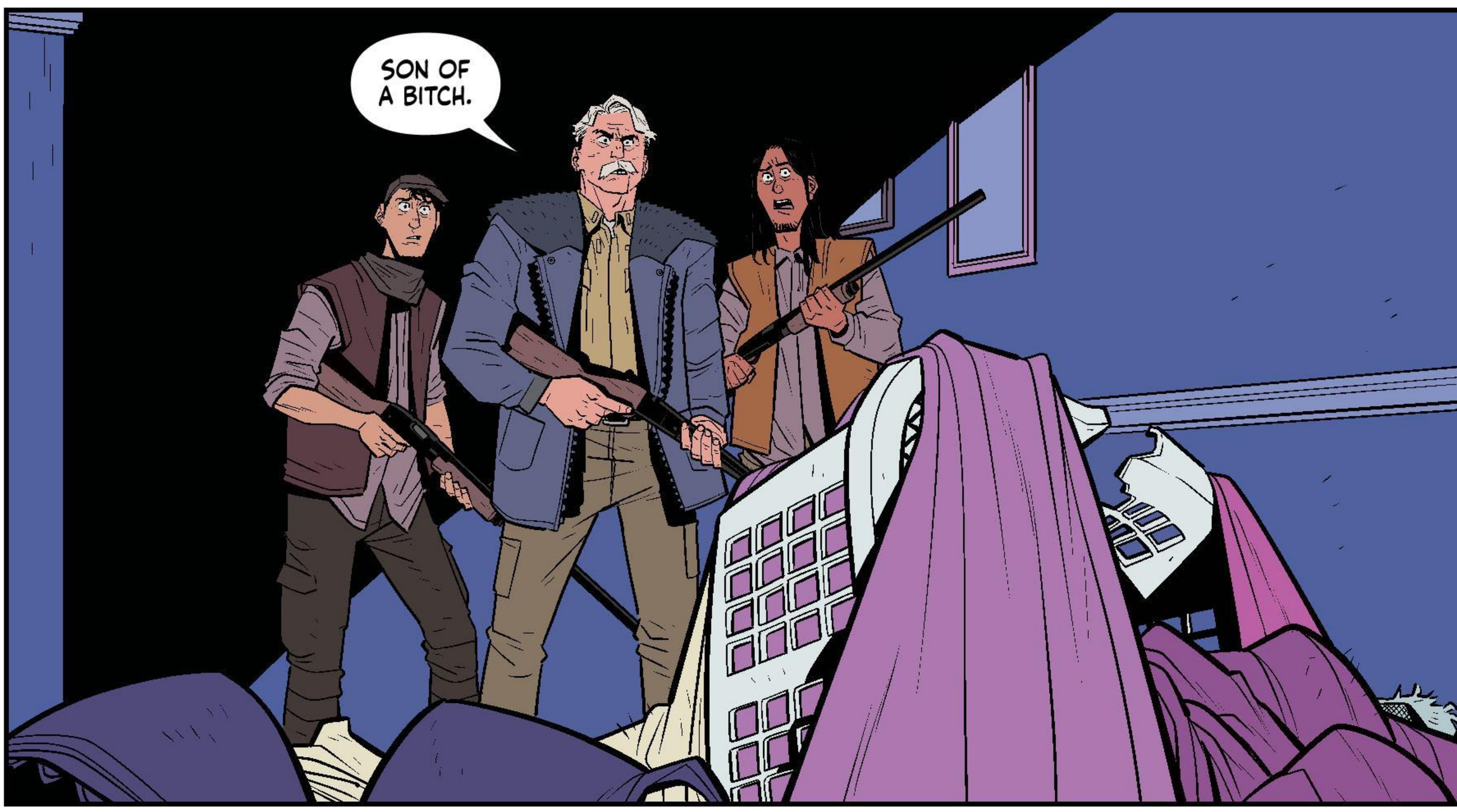
SHE'S...

...GONE?!


SON OF A BITCH.

THIS IS MAERTH! I-I HAD THE CHICK CORNERED! S-SHE JUST SOMEHOW DISAPPEARED DURING THAT EXPLOSION!

SAME HERE! THE...GOAT THING IS GONE TOO. EVEN AFTER WE PUT FOUR ARROWS IN IT.

THE SEXY ONE...

...OURS DID TOO!

AND WE PAINTED THAT THING WITH BUCKSHOT!

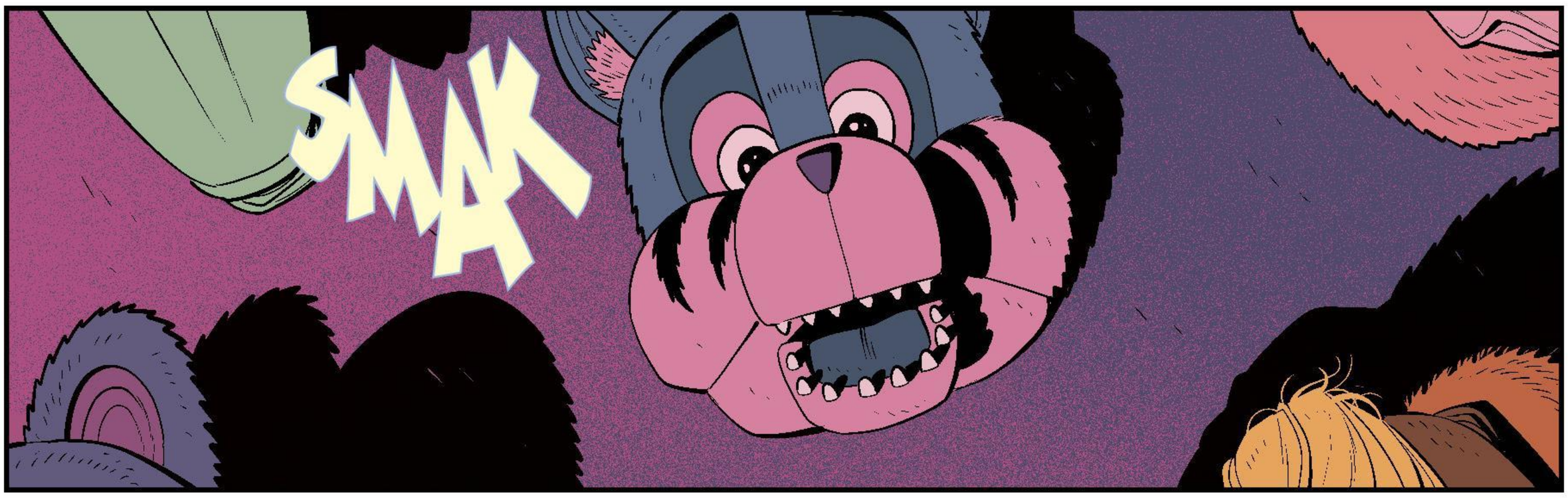
I'LL BE DAMNED.

EVERYONE CALM DOWN AND FOCUS. THEY'VE WEAVED KEVLAR INTO THEIR SUITS.

YOU ALL WANTED TO HUNT HUMANS.

DON'T START CRYING WHEN THEY DECIDE TO FIGHT BACK.

KLANK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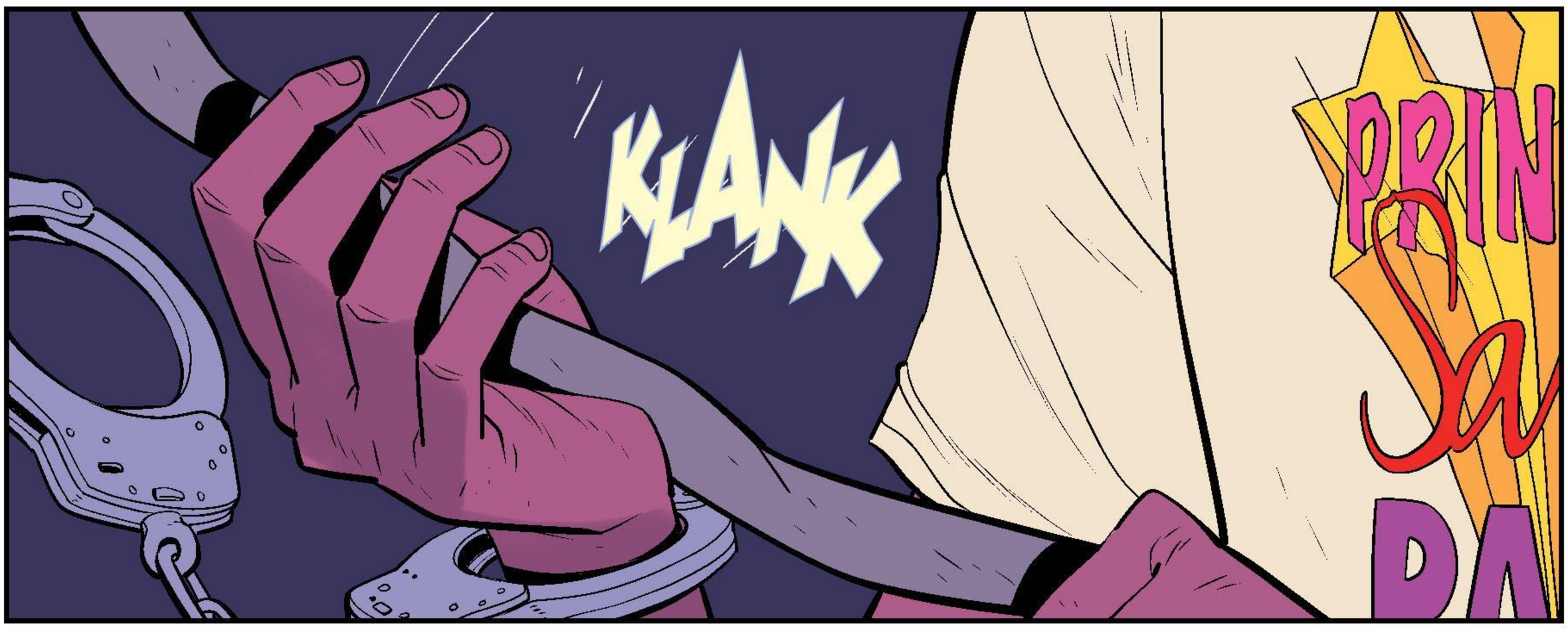
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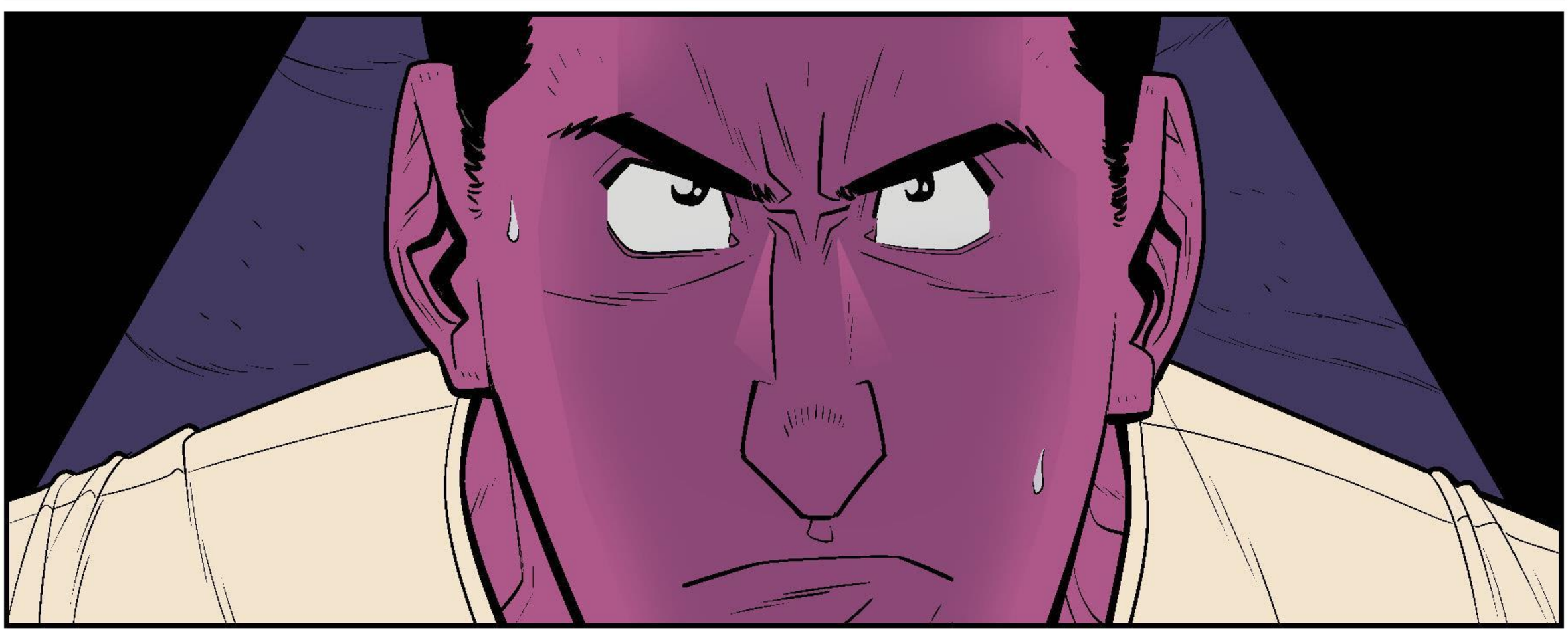

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